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1. PRESS FEB 24 GIVES SOME FURTHER COVERAGE OF ARAB LEAGUE SECY GEN RIAD'S VISIT AND OF HIS MEETING WITH POLISARIO REPRESENTATIVES. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN JOURNALIST HERE, GOA EMBARGOED NEWS OF RIAD-POLISARIO MEETING, WHICH TOOK PLACE FEB 21, UNTIL RIAD'S MEETING WITH KING HASSAN HAD ALREADY BEGUN.

2. IN PUBLISHED COMMENT ON HIS VISIT AND ON POLISARIO MEETING, RIAD SAID, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNT, THAT HIS CONTACTS WERE AIMED AT GIVING HIM UNDERSTANDING OF REALITY IN REGION. HE ADDED THAT THIS WOULD BE HIS AIM IN MORROCCO AND MAURITANIA AS WELL. ON POLISARIO MEETING, HE SAID, "I CONSIDERED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO HEAR FROM THE SAHRAOUI BROTHERS, TO UNDERSTAND THEIR PROBLEMS, AND TO ASK THEIR OPINION ON CERTAIN PROBLEMS...I HOPE THAT WE MAY REACH A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF COMMON ARAB ACTION."

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3. PREDICTABLY, SAHRAOUI REPRESENTATIVES WERE MUCH MORE

POSITIVE. SAHARA PROVISIONAL NATIONAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT
OULD ZIOU FOUND RIAD "CONVINCED OF LEGITIMACY OF STRUGGLE
OF SAHRAOUI PEOPLE" AND AWARE OF INJUSTICE CREATED BY MOROCCO
AND MAURITANIA. POLISARIO REPRESENTATIVE HABIBALLAH ASSERTED THAT
RIAD HAD RECOGNIZED THE RIGHT OF SAHRAOUI PEOPLE TO SELF-
DETERMINATION, A RIGHT WHICH, RIAD SAID, HE HAD UPHELD FOR
YEARS.

4. COMMENT: GOA, AND PERHAPS RIAD HIMSELF, MAY HAVE DECIDED
TO EMBARGO NEWS OF POLISARIO MEETING IN ORDER NOT TO
COMPROMISE CHANCE OF KING HASSAN'S RECEIVING RIAD. ALGERIANS
MAY ALSO HAVE BELIEVED THAT , IN TERMS OF PROPAGANDA WAR
WITH MOROCCANS, BEST TIME TO ANNOUNCE MEETING WOULD BE WHEN
KING HASSAN AND RIAD HAD BEGUN THEIR TALKS.

5. RIAD'S REMARKS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT HE NOT YET IN MEDIATION
BUSINESS. BY MEETING WITH THE POLISARIO, HOWEVER, RIAD IS AT
LEAST COMING TO GRIPS WITH THE BASIS OF THE PROBLEM AS THE
ALGERIANS SEE IT.

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